



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 28, 2000

H.R. 3629

A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on April 12, 2000*

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3182 would not significantly affect the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; thus, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 3629 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The bill would require the Department of Education to establish a streamlined application format for schools applying both for competitive grants to strengthen Tribally-Controlled Colleges and Universities and for competitive grants to strengthen Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions. This simplified application system is to take into account the limited number of schools eligible for assistance under these programs. In addition, under the provisions of H.R. 3629, schools applying for these grants would not have to wait for a minimum of two years after they received their last 5-year discretionary grant award to reapply for a new one. These changes are specified to take effect for grant awards on or after October 1, 1999. Outlays from these grants are not estimated to change as a result of enactment of this bill.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Kalcevic. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.